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Objective

- ❑ Acquiring new individual e-textbook titles at the Florida International University (FIU) Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine (HWCOM) Medical Library

→ The current method needs to be reconsidered?

Introduction

- ❑ The Course Textbook Reference Collection has annually prepared for HWCOM programs based on the course textbook lists from each program coordinator
- ❑ Librarians are always required to first look for textbooks in an **electronic format**
 - HWCOM Library = Nearly 100% digital
 - Limited space for print copies
 - Clinical teaching sites - across the South Florida region



However, searching a **specific** e-book title is challenging

Methods

A review and analysis of e-textbook acquisition activity records from the past two academic years (2017-2018 and 2018-2019)

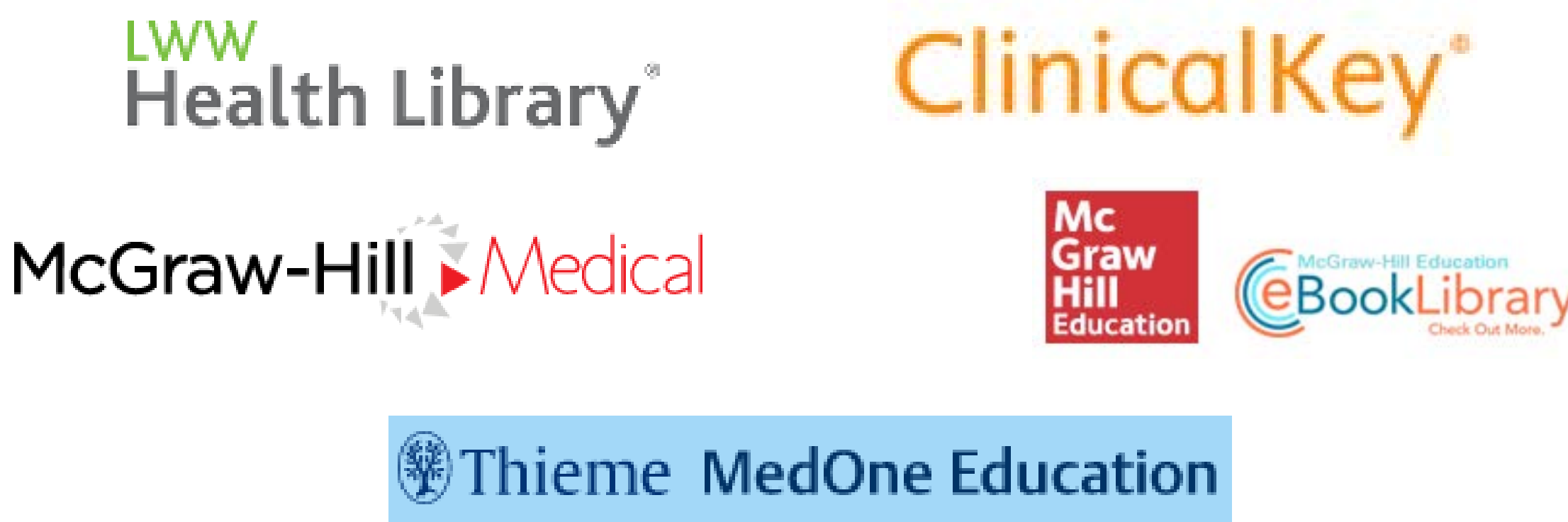
Vendors Used for Acquisitions

- ❑ Title-By-Title Purchases

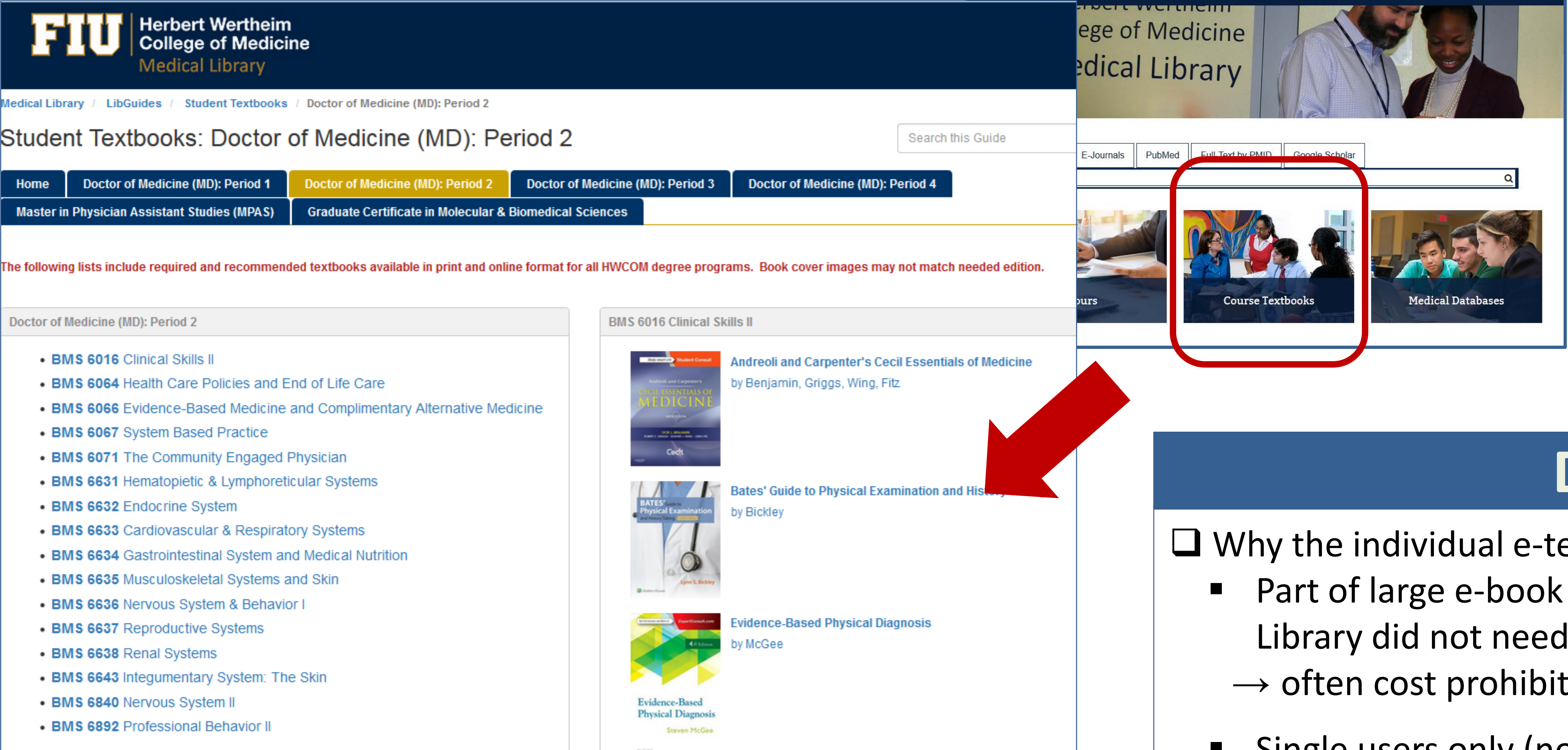


Wiley Online Library

- ❑ Package Subscription



Online Course Textbook Guide



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- ❑ Programs for E-Textbook Collection
 - MD (Period 1 - 4)
 - Physician Assistant (PA)
 - Graduate Certificate in Molecular and Biomedical Sciences (GCP)

Discussion

- ❑ Why the individual e-textbook titles could not be obtained?
 - Part of large e-book packages with other books the HWCOM Library did not need
→ often cost prohibitive
 - Single users only (no sale to library)
 - Sale only through content partnerships
 - Developed their own knowledge portals – no more individual e-book title sales
 - Print only
→ included the titles for which no updated edition released on the market for more than 10 years
 - Per-user pricing (with or without a volume discount) (e.g., **VitalSource**)

- ❑ 2018-2019 --- Out-of-print titles are included (MD Period 4)

Results

E-Textbook Title Order Summary

2017-2018

		E-Textbooks Need to Order	Obtained	Not Obtained
MD	P1	3	0	3
	P2	1	0	1
	P3	4	0	4
	P4	4	1	3
PA		15	3	12
GCP		10	7	3
TOTAL		37	11	26

2018-2019

		E-Textbooks Need to Order	Obtained	Not Obtained
MD	P1	12	1	11
	P2	(no order needed)	-	-
	P3	2	1	1
	P4	11	1	10
PA		16	1	15
GCP		(no order needed)	-	-
TOTAL		41	4	37

Solutions?

- ❑ One-stop acquisitions portal? **GOBI®**
- ❑ Other e-book providers/distributors/publishers which are **title-by-title perpetual purchases** available? **CREDO**
- ProQuest Ebook Central™**
- EBSCO eBooks**
- ❑ Open access books?
doab directory of open access books (SpringerNature and De Gruyter are sponsors) *2
- ❑ Still in an early stage?
openstax™ (FIU is an institutional partner) *3

Conclusions

HWCOM Library needs additional method(s) for the acquiring annual e-textbook reference collection titles. Further investigation into this will continue

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